

John Cole – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

John Cole was the eldest son of Daniel Cole and his wife Ruth. He was born in 1644 according to Eastham records. He was one of twelve children and he had six brothers. He married Ruth Snow in 1666. They had at least seven children. John was chosen constable in 1673. In the records he sometimes is referred to as John Cole Sr. John and Ruth probably are buried in unmarked graves in Cove Burying Ground or in Orleans Old Cemetery.

1703

Granted to John Cole and his heirs a parcel of meadow between Pochet Island and Barley Neck. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A181, M86, S41.

Granted to John Cole Sr., Joseph Cole and Thomas Mayo Jr. and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow near the beach. John Cole Sr. held about a seventy percent share of the grant. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A276, M160, S87.

1706

Granted to John Cole and his heirs a parcel of upland by way of exchange for John Cole's land on Sampson's Island. The parcel received was on the southerly side of Israel Cole's land in a location commonly called Myrick's Field. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stones marked J C. PDF A285, M46.

1711

Granted to John Cole and his heirs about four acres of upland at Pochet on the southerly side of the way that went to Stage so called. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T34.

Granted to John Cole and his heirs about four acres of upland at Little Skaket next to the lot of John Cole Jr. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T34.

Granted to John Cole and his heirs two parcels of land totaling about six acres. One parcel was about four and one-half acres next to land of George Brown. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. The other parcel was about one and one-half acres of meadow next to meadow of Timothy Cole and next to the highway. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T34.

Granted to John Cole Sr., John Cole Jr., Nathaniel Doane, Jonathan Linnell, Micaiah Snow and Elisha Young the eighth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about six or seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T89.

1715

Granted to John Cole and his heirs several parcels of land. The first parcel was next to his land at Pochet. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. The second parcel adjoined the first parcel and was near the cartway and the swamp. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. The third parcel was on the northerly side of the lot of John Cole Jr. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four acres. Bounds of each parcel were indicated by stones. PDF T208.

Granted to John Cole and his heirs a wood lot next to the wood lot of Joseph Doane. The lot was on the east side of the way to Billingsgate and it ran east to the Backside Sea. Most of these lots which ran east to the sea were about one mile long. This lot was sixteen pole wide (264 feet) which would make the lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T268.

1716

John Cole Sr. purchased from the proprietors for six shillings and eight pence a parcel of land for himself and his heirs. The parcel was upland on the southerly side of Rock Harbor Meadow next to land of Samuel Mayo. Lot dimensions or acreage were not given but the parcel probably was at least two acres. PDF T312.

The land owned by John Cole and his heirs described in these records amounts to about seventy acres. From 1650 to 1745 twenty-five more Coles received Eastham land grants.